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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: USG PERMISSION FOR ARGENTINE
USE OF U.S. EAST BASE, ANTARCTICA

REFERENCES: BUENOS AIRES 413; BUENOS AIRES 1412

1. THE FOLLOWING NOTE SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE MFA IN
RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE U.S.
EAST BASE ON ANTARCTICA IN THE COMING WINTER SEASON:
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BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REFERS TO THE NOTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PROPOSING THE TEMPORARY USE BY ARGENTINA OF AN UNMANNED
U.S. BASE IN ANTARCTICA AND INFORMS THE MINISTRY THAT THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT OF
ARGENTINA TO USE THE U.S. EAST BASE ON STONINGTON ISLAND,

ANTARCTICA, AS AN ADVANCE SHELTER FOR SCIENTIFIC FIELD PARTIES OPERATING OUT OF GENERAL SAN MARTIN STATION DURING THE COMING WINTER SEASON. THE U.S. INTENDS, OF COURSE, THAT THE EAST BASE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE AS A REFUGE FOR OTHER NATIONS AND FOR FUTURE REOCCUPATION BY THE UNITED STATES.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE A REPORT ON THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE EAST BASE AS SOON AS IT IS PRACTICAL TO PROVIDE IT. REPAIRS TO THE FACILITIES MAY BE MADE, AS REQUIRED, PROVIDED THEY ARE AT NO COST TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION OR MAJOR RENOVATION IS UNDERTAKEN AT THE BASE.

COMMUNICATIONS ON ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THIS MATTER MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF POLAR PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20550, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ANTARCTIC PROGRAM AND THAT IS THE CUSTODIAN OF U.S. EAST BASE. ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THIS EMBASSY. END TEXT

2. MBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MONITOR AND REPORT PROMPTLY ANY REQUESTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION.
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